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## 1.5: Surds

$$1) a) \sqrt{18} = \sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{2} \\ = \underline{3\sqrt{2}}$$

$$b) \sqrt{63} = \sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{7} \\ = 3\sqrt{7}$$

$$c) \sqrt{250} = \sqrt{25} \times \sqrt{10} \\ = 5\sqrt{10}$$

$$2) a) \frac{\sqrt{27}}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 3} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{3} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$b) \frac{\sqrt{98}}{7} = \frac{\sqrt{49} \times \sqrt{2}}{7} = \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{7} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$c) \frac{\sqrt{24}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{6}}{2} = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$3) a) 4\sqrt{32} - 3\sqrt{8}$$

$$\sqrt{32} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{8} \rightarrow 2\sqrt{8}$$

$$\sqrt{8} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{2} \rightarrow 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$4(2\sqrt{8}) - 3(2\sqrt{2})$$

$$16\sqrt{2} - 6\sqrt{2}$$

$$= \underline{10\sqrt{2}}$$

$$b) \sqrt{75} + 2\sqrt{12} - \sqrt{27}$$

$$\sqrt{75} = \sqrt{25} \times \sqrt{3} = 5\sqrt{3}$$

$$\sqrt{12} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{3} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\sqrt{27} = \sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{3} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$5\sqrt{3} + 2(2\sqrt{3}) - 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$5\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$= \underline{6\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } & \sqrt{200} + \sqrt{18} - 2\sqrt{72} \\
 & \sqrt{200} = \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{100} = 10\sqrt{2} \\
 & \sqrt{18} = \sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{2} = 3\sqrt{2} \\
 & \sqrt{72} = \sqrt{36} \times \sqrt{2} = 6\sqrt{2} \\
 & 10\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2} - 2(6\sqrt{2}) \\
 & 13\sqrt{2} - 12\sqrt{2} \\
 & = \sqrt{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{4) a) } & \sqrt{3}(\sqrt{27} - 1) \\
 & = \sqrt{81} - \sqrt{3} \\
 & = \sqrt{9 \times 9} - \sqrt{3} = 9 - \sqrt{3} \\
 & = 9 - \sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } & (1 + \sqrt{2})(3 - 2\sqrt{2}) \\
 & 3 - 2\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2} - 4 \\
 & -1 + \sqrt{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } & (4 - \sqrt{3})(6 - \sqrt{7}) \\
 & 24 - 4\sqrt{7} - 6\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{21}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{5) a) } & \sqrt{20} + \sqrt{45} \\
 & \sqrt{20} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{5} = 2\sqrt{5} \\
 & \sqrt{45} = \sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{5} = 3\sqrt{5} \\
 & 2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{5} = 5\sqrt{5} = a\sqrt{b} \\
 & a = 5 \\
 & b = 5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } & \sqrt{112} \Rightarrow \sqrt{16} \times \sqrt{7} \\
 & = 4\sqrt{7} \Rightarrow a\sqrt{7} \\
 & a = 4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 6) \quad x - \sqrt{60} &= 2\sqrt{3} - x \\
 x + x &= 2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{60} \\
 2x &= 2\sqrt{15} + 2\sqrt{3} \\
 x &= \frac{2\sqrt{15} + 2\sqrt{3}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \sqrt{15} + \sqrt{3} \\
 &= \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} \\
 &: a = 15 \\
 &: b = 3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 7) a) (2 - \sqrt{7})(\sqrt{7} - 1) \\
 2\sqrt{7} - 2 - 7 + \sqrt{7} \\
 = 3\sqrt{7} - 9
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b) (2\sqrt{7} + 3)^2 \\
 (2\sqrt{7} + 3)(2\sqrt{7} + 3) \\
 28 + 6\sqrt{7} + 6\sqrt{7} + 9 \\
 = 37 + 12\sqrt{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 8) a) (3\sqrt{11})(3\sqrt{11}) & \text{BF MATHS} \\
 \sqrt{11} \times \sqrt{11} &= 11 \times 3 = 33 \times 3 = \underline{99}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b) (7 + \sqrt{3})(2 - \sqrt{3}) \\
 \cancel{14 - 3\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3} - 5} \\
 = 14 - 3\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3} - 3 \\
 = 14 - 7\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3} - 3 \\
 = 11 - 5\sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 9) 243\sqrt{3} \\
 243 &= 3^5 \\
 \sqrt{3} &= 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 3^5 \times 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 3^{5+\frac{1}{2}} &= 3^{5\frac{1}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$